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1. ARA/ECA DIRECTOR ZIMMERMANN CALLED IN FIRST SECRETARY GUSTAVO ALBERTO URRUTIA OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY AUGUST 4 TO PRESENT THE US POSITION ON THE PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ISSUES, WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE RAISED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AT COLOMBO AUGUST 16-19.

2. MR. ZIMMERMANN NOTED THAT PUERTO RICO'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE US WAS DECIDED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE IN 1953 IN AN OPEN AND FREE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WHICH WAS EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNGA. THE USG ASSURED THE UN AT THAT TIME THAT IF THE PUERTO RICAN LEGISLATURE SHOULD
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ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE, THE PRESIDENT

WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE CONGRESS THAT INDEPENDENCE BE GRANTED. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD VIEW ANY DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO BY AN INTERNATIONAL BODY AS AN UNACCEPTABLE INTERFERENCE IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

3. MR. ZIMMERMANN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE US POSITION ON KOREA HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE KNOWN TO THE GOA BY OUR EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE NON-ALIGNED WOULD NOT ENDORSE THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION OF LAST YEAR, THUS FORCING A WASTEFUL AND NEEDLESS CONFRONTATION AT THE UNGA, WHICH WOULD NOT SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

4. MR. URRUTIA SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE US POSITION ON THESE ISSUES TO BUENOS AIRES AND ALSO TO THE ARGENTINE UN MISSION IN NEW YORK, TWO OFFICERS OF WHICH WOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION AT COLOMBO. HE SAID HE WAS NOT INFORMED OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THESE ISSUES, BUT WOULD LET THE DEPARTMENT KNOW AS SOON AS HE HEARD ANYTHING. HABIB

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